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From: Assunto, Carmen [Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: Craft-Turney Drinking Water Incident

Thanks, Wes. I'll work some magic! Carmen

From: McQuiddy, David
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 1:41 PM
To: Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
Subject: Craft-Turney Drinking Water Incident

Carmen,

For Newsletter consideration:

Craft-Turney Drinking Water Incident: The Houston Environmental Laboratory (Lab) was tasked to assist the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) with drinking water sample analysis for Methylene bis-thiocyanate (MBT). On October 3, 2018, the Craft-Turney Water Supply Corporation located in Cherokee County, south of Jacksonville, Texas, issued a Do Not Use order affecting 1,500 customers, related to a back siphonage event at Arrington Sawmill. The back siphonage into the drinking water system occurred from a tank, without a backflow prevention device, containing a wood preservative utilized in treating wood pallets. MBT is an active ingredient in the wood preservative and the Lab has developed a Gas Chromatography analysis method for the MBT. The Lab received 36 samples (in 14 coolers) from TCEQ, driven to the Lab on Wednesday evening, October 10, 2018.

Pic 1 = Coolers with samples for chain of custody processing

Pic 2 = Rachel Rathbone concentrating sample extracts

Pic 3 = David Spencer Hiser preparing Gas Chromatograph (GC) for analysis

Pic 4 = Lisa Wool placing sample extracts into GC vials for analysis

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